

WAR TO THE KNIFE ON THE OLD RULES

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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—Three important developments occurred to-day in the insurrection against the adoption in the House of the rules of the Sixtieth Congress to govern the incoming Congress. A compromise offered by Senator Cummins, of Iowa, and presented to the regulars by President Taft, failed to unite the Republican members. What was pronounced as a satisfactory working agreement was entered into by the Republican insurgents and the Democrats. The name of Theodore Roosevelt was introduced as an "insurgent" sympathizer.

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The compromise was one that the insurgents have had under consideration ever since the report became current. That President Taft desired a postponement of a fight on the rules, lest it might delay the passage of a tariff bill. It provided for the re-election of Speaker Cannon and the adoption of the rules of the Sixtieth Congress for the special session. After the organization of the House on Monday it was provided that a resolution should be passed authorizing a committee of fifteen to investigate the rules and report on proposed changes at the regular session in December.

It was proposed that the insurgents be allowed to name four of their number for the committee, the Democrats six and the regulars five. The latter five were to be Representatives Mann, of Illinois; Currier, of New Hampshire; Keifer, of Ohio; Smith, of Iowa, and Stevens, of Minnesota.

For the regulars, former Representative Watson, of Indiana, replied that the compromise was acceptable, if amended so as to allow the Speaker to appoint the committee, due regard being given to the insurgents in its composition. The leaders of the insurgents subsequently declared that they would accept no such suggestion. It is believed that President Taft will exert his influence to bring the two branches of the party together, however.

Join with Democrats.

For more than two hours this afternoon the steering committee of the insurgents was in conference with a committee representing the Democrats. Minority Leaders Clark and Underwood, of Alabama, represented the Democrats. The insurgents, it is said, convinced the Democrats that they could deliver thirty votes for any proposition they desired on the rules. The Democrats promised to furnish 170 votes against the previous question motion on the adoption of the old rules. This is the full Democratic strength less two, there being one vacancy on account of death and the other being seriously ill. As 195 will be a majority, the allied forces claimed the victory.

The program tentatively agreed upon by the allies was to vote down the previous question on the adoption of the old rules on Monday. If the amendment to the rules providing for a committee to select committees is voted down, to propose that the Committee on Rules be elected by the House. The Democratic conferees are said to have expressed a desire that they could line up the entire Democratic delegation for the later amendment, but they were not so certain as to the former.

The regulars claim to have the promises of several Democrats not to vote with the party for the various amendments, and deny that the insurgents' forces will number thirty.

"I have never yet, as 'whip,' fallen down on a roll of the House," declared former Representative Watson tonight. "The organization will win in the end."

Both the Democrats and the insurgents say that no serious attempt will be made to defeat Mr. Cannon for Speaker. The insurgents will be left to follow their personal inclinations along this line.

At the Republican caucus to-morrow night it is planned to bind the party to vote for Mr. Cannon and for the adoption of the rules. Several of the insurgents will not attend. At the Democratic caucus Monday morning it is intended to bind the members to vote against the rules.

After a second conference with President Taft to-day, Speaker Cannon was in a particularly good humor. "I have no doubt," he said, "that the organization will win out. We organized the House before and I guess we will do it again next Monday."

Using Roosevelt's Name.

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Report Unfounded.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The report that Mr. Lyman Abbott, editor in chief of the Outlook, had sent a letter to the so-called insurgents, now opposing Speaker Cannon's rules of the House of Representatives, pledging the support of that publication, with which Mr. Roosevelt is now identified as associate editor, in their fight for parliamentary reforms, was denounced tonight by Lawrence P. Abbott, a son of Dr. Abbott, as utterly unfounded.

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The new building program provides for four Dreadnoughts, six protected cruisers, twenty torpedo boat destroyers and a number of submarines, the latter to cost £5,000,000.

The first lord of the Admiralty adds that, in addition to the foregoing program, the government may, in the course of the financial year, and it is necessary to make preparation for the rapid construction of four more large armored ships, to be commenced April 1, 1910.

The government, therefore, asks Parliament for power to enable them to be prepared to lay down April 1, 1910, additional ships, which can be completed in March, 1912. The estimates President and Mrs. Taft have big men of the navy, but they fully prove that it is the government's determination to keep pace with the other naval powers of the world. It is likely to be called in the international competition for superior naval armaments.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—Owing to the continued disturbed conditions in Nicaragua and President Zelaya's failure to make serious efforts looking to the settlement of the Remy claim, the State Department to-day, by withdrawing Mr. Gregory, the American charge at Managua, and ordering the legation placed in the hands of the consul, who will have no diplomatic capacity, practically broke off diplomatic relations with that country.

After in Central America have been closely watched by the American and Mexican governments, both of which

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STEAMER BURNS

No Lives Lost, and Property Damage Is About \$50,000.

QUEENSTOWN, MD., March 12.—The Chesapeake Bay steamer Love Point, Captain Clarke, belonging to the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway Company, was burned to the water's edge in the harbor of Love Point at 11 o'clock last night.

No lives were lost. The Love Point was valued at about \$50,000, and was insured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

RECOMMENDS MERCY

Jury Convicts Pinson, and He Is Sentenced to Penitentiary.

LAURENS, S. C., March 12.—Overruling a motion for a new trial, Judge Prince this afternoon sentenced Wade Cochran Pinson to two years in the penitentiary for the killing of Thornwell Boyce last November.

Guiltily of manslaughter, with a capital offense, Pinson was found guilty by the jury to-day. The verdict returned by the jury to-day in the case of Wade Cochran Pinson, charged with killing his intimate friend, Thornwell Boyce. The jury had been out all night. Its deliberation occupied John Price, a well-known citizen, Counsel for the defense gave notice of a motion for a new trial. Pinson was in court, and seemed unmoved by the verdict. The jury reached agreement only a few minutes before it reported.

Pinson is a young man, about 25 years of age. He was driving in a buggy, with Boyce sitting on Pinson's lap, the shooting occurred. The prosecution claimed the tragedy was caused by jealousy, and that Pinson had fired the shot. Pinson claimed the shooting was accidental.

Pinson is released on a bond of \$1,000, signed by his father and uncle. The appeal will be made to the higher courts on the ground of error in the rulings and changes of the presiding judge.

PROMPT ACTION

Officer Arrested Negro and Prevented Serious Race Clash.

ARLINGTON, GA., March 12.—The prompt action and determined manner of Chief of Police Ray today prevented a serious clash between whites and blacks near here late last night, brought about by an injury inflicted upon John Price, a well-known citizen of Edinburg, Ga., who was shot by Will Winkfield, a negro.

The negroes received reinforcements, and a band of about twenty negroes were in the act of attacking citizens who went to Price's aid when Officer Ray arrived and stopped the disorder by the arrest of Winkfield and the dispersal of the white men and negroes alike were heavily armed.

PHYSICIAN TO PRESIDENT

Major Edie Accompanied Mr. Taft on Trip to Europe.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—Major Guy Edie, of the United States Army Medical Department, who accompanied Mr. Taft around the world on his now famous tour, is to be the President's family physician, according to a well-founded rumor.

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RELIEF FUND

Arkansas Legislature Comes to Assist in Relief of Flood Victims.

LITTLE ROCK, March 12.—The lower house of the Legislature to-day passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 to the relief of flood victims.

Mrs. Clara Reed, who was injured in the tornado and brought here for treatment, died to-day. This increases the total dead as a result of the tornado to thirty-four.

METAL EXPLOSION

Three Workmen Fatally Injured and Three Others Seriously Hurt.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, March 12.—Three workmen were fatally injured and three others seriously injured by an explosion at the Open Hearth furnace of the American Steel and Wire Company to-day.

Water coming in contact with the molten metal caused the explosion, and the hot metal was sprayed upon the workmen, severely burning them. The building was damaged.

NEARS FLOOD STAGE

Chattahoochee River Twenty-Five Feet Higher Than Normal.

COLUMBUS, GA., March 12.—Tonight the Chattahoochee River near the flood stage, being twenty-five feet higher than normal reading. The stream is rising rapidly.

MAY INTERVENE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

United States and Mexico Are Said to Be in Accord.

CONDITION THERE IS GROWING INTOLERABLE

Rumor of Engagement Between Nicaragua and Salvador Is Confirmed, and Situation Is Regarded as Serious—High Mexican Official Makes Statement.

FIRE IN SPARTANBURG

Student and Five Firemen Are Injured

SPARTANBURG, S. C., March 12.—Property valued at \$55,000 was destroyed by fire and five firemen and one woman, Catherine McGee, were injured by falling walls in a fire which completely destroyed half the interior of the Cleveland Building, at East Main and Church streets, tonight.

For a time the fire threatened to spread and become a dangerous conflagration, but was checked by a double line of hose between the Cleveland Building and the Bank of Spartanburg. A drizzling rain also aided the firemen.

The main losers are as follows: J. B. and J. F. Cleveland, owners of the building; Harry Price, clothing merchant; Harry Price, clothing merchant; and R. L. Bowden, druggist. The building was fully insured and the stocks at about half their value.

Carroll J. Lewis, a student at Wofford College, was the most seriously injured, being rendered unconscious.

The others injured were: W. D. Mitchell, assistant chief, arm and hand mangled; C. L. Stevens, scamp wound; Sam. Ward, left arm mangled; James Elder, head crushed; D. L. Warner, left hand burned.

Besides the damage to firms burned out, the fire caused a considerable loss to fall upon the office-holders in the building, whose property was destroyed.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but the theory is advanced that it was caused by an explosion of gasoline in the rooms of a pressing club in the rear of the store.